

Announcements

Michael Brock

*Call to Worship

Malik Bishop

*Hymn of Praise #208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Prayer of Adoration

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell¹; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic† church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹*Experienced the full fury of the Father’s wrath; was utterly forsaken, rejected, and abandoned.*

[†]*Universal-not limited to any one particular denomination, nation, or ethnicity.*

*Doxology

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Confession of Sin

Hunter Twitty

Silent Prayer of Confession

Call to Prayer

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Based upon the authority of God’s word, I can declare to those of you who are in Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven; in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sacrament of Baptism

Sam Modder

*Hymn #701

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Anton Ivanov

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

“Joy Has Dawned”
(See insert)

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation:
God’s salvation now unfurled, hope for ev’ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels;
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness.
Cling now to a mother’s breast, vuln’rable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold, a King is born today; Incense, God is with us;
Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He’ll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav’n, given as a ransom,
Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious mystery:
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.

*Scripture

1 Corinthians 8

Sermon

Pastor Michael Brock

*Hymn of Response #226

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

*Benediction

Leading in Worship
Michael Brock, <i>Pastor</i>
Hunter Twitty, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Anton Ivanov, <i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Malik Bishop, <i>Candidate for the Ministry</i>
Andrew George, <i>Guitarist</i>
Amalee Smith, <i>Pianist</i>
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Christmas Dinner and Children’s Program: Tonight, the Children’s Christmas Program “New Star” will be at 5:00 with our Christmas dinner to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Homebound Christmas Project: It's time to begin preparation for our annual Christmas Homebound Project for members/visitors who cannot regularly attend. This year Third is preparing bags with baked goods (breads, muffins, cookies, etc.), fruits and candies. We need items for approximately 10 people. Please place your items in the box marked “Homebound” downstairs near the church offices. Any homemade bakery items (**no nuts please**) or fresh fruit should only be brought on **Sunday, December 14th**. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks to Third Presbyterian and indicate that it is for the "Homebound Project." **Collection deadline will be Friday, Dec 12th - Sunday Dec. 14th and delivery will be between Dec. 15th – 19th**. If you have questions and would like to help with delivery, please contact Vivian Williams at 205-936-1063.

Maranathan Christmas Party: Third Church is pleased to welcome the students of Maranathan Academy and faculty members on December 18th, for a delicious lunch provided by private individuals. We would love to be able to give each of the 25 students a nice gift card to be used toward their shopping expedition the following day. If anyone feels led to help with the purchase of gift cards for the students, please make a **check payable to Maranathan Academy** and mail the check or give it to either Ida Dunbar or Susan Simon; you will be issued a tax receipt. You may also give cash to Ida or Susan and Susan can accept donations through Venmo or PayPal. All monies need to be in no later than December 14th.

Adult Sunday School Party: All Adult Sunday School classes are invited to a Christmas Party Friday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Herbert and Tad Douglas. Please plan to come and bring your favorite hors-d’oeuvre or dessert and enjoy great fellowship and caroling. 1864 Patton Chapel Road. See the Friday Email for directions.

Sunday School during the Holidays: The morning of December 28th, there will be **NO** Sunday School classes. During Worship, a nursery will be provided, but **NO** children's Bible lessons during the service. Children’s Bible lessons, during Worship, will resume on 1/4/2026.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols:
The Christmas Eve service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on December 24th. A nursery will be provided.

Current Active Officers

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Areas of Responsibility</u>
Michael Brock – Worship (Harold Simon) & Membership (Colin Luke)	
Eddie Burg – Prayer (Anton Ivanov)	
David Byers – Missions & Outreach (Anton Ivanov)	
Chris Hussar – Small Groups (Hunter Twitty) & Assimilation (Anton Ivanov)	
Colin Luke – Membership & Shepherding (Michael Brock)	
Charles Miller – Administration (Hunter Twitty)	
Jack Neill – Presbytery & General Assembly (Anton Ivanov)	
Chris Pursell –Christian Education (Hunter Twitty)	
Harold Simon – Worship (Michael Brock)	

Emeritus Elders – Gene Hill, Walter Monroe, Bob Struck, Allen Trucks and Walter Yarbrough

Deacons
Tommy Brannan, Billy Culp, Joe Glasgow, Chip Hall, Jim Hamil, Robert Kirby, James McLeod, Kenneth Moore and Tim Wannemuehler

Trustees
Jack Neill, President; Members: Billy Culp, Terry Hammond, Chuck Welden and Walter Yarbrough

Missionary Prayers for the Week
Sav-A-Life: Lisa Hogan is the Executive Director of Sav-A-Life in Vestavia, AL. and Fultondale, AL. Becky McDonough is the Director of Sav-A-Life Bessemer (Hueytown) a pregnancy crisis and resource center.

Current Schedule for Children During Worship and Sunday School

- 9:30 a.m. **Morning Worship**
- Nursery (through age 2) 9:30 – 11:30
 - Infants – 18 months Room – E109A
 - 18 Months – 2 years old – E109C
 - Nursing Room – E109B
 - Children (ages 3-Kindergarten) participate in the worship service until they are dismissed at the start of the sermon to rooms:
 - 108 (3 year-olds) and 107 (4-K) for a Children’s Bible Lesson.
 - Children (1st grade and up) stay in the sanctuary the entire service.
- 10:55 a.m. **Children’s Sunday School**
- Pre-K 3 year olds: Room 108
 - Pre-K 4 year olds – Kindergarten: Room 107
 - 1st – 2nd Grade: Room 202
 - 3rd – 4th Grade: Room 203
 - 5th Grade – 6th Grade: Room 206
 - Teenagers – 13 years and older: Room 201

Adult Sunday School Classes (10:55 AM)

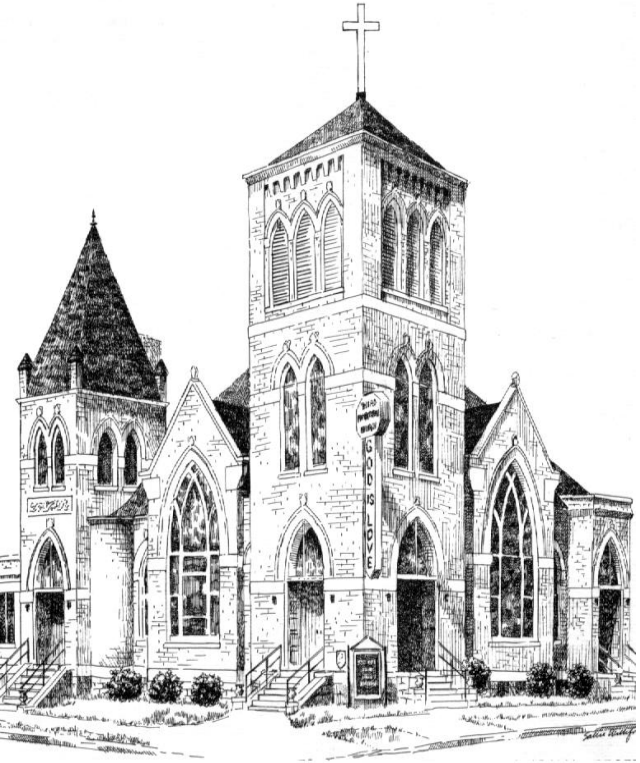
- The **Light** Class: meets in Fellowship Hall. Ages 50+ (Generally)
- Current topic: “Colossians: Christ Above All”
 - Current Teacher: Scott Churnock
- The **Salt** Class: meets in Room 104/105. High School, College age, Singles, and young married couples.
- Current topic: 1 Samuel
 - Current Teachers: Anton Ivanov and Hunter Twitty
- The **Faith** Class: meets in Room 204. All ages and life stages.
- Current Teacher: Chris Hussar


Upcoming Events at Third

Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Childrens Play and Christmas Dinner
Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Room E104/105
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Gift Wrapping Party – Fellowship Hall

December 07, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent





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